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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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10 INVENTION: **"METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MINIMIZING  
UNWANTED TRANSFER OF TONER IN A TRANSFER  
PRINTING STATION OF AN ELECTROGRAPHIC  
PRINTING MACHINE"**

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Sir:  
As a Preliminary Amendment to entry into the National Stage for the  
above-identified PCT application, the following is submitted: